SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, my supplementary question relates to part (c) of the question. There is a category of staff in the All India Radio, known as Akash Vani Announcers. They have been representing to the Ministry about upgradation of their salaries and wages. My information is that their representative has also called on the Minister. I would like to know from the Minister at what stage the matter is pending and by what time the Government is likely to take a decision.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Member is very much aware of this matter. He was one of the hon. Members who drew my attention to the upgradation of salaries and wages of the Akash Vani Announcers. As I said earlier, the entire matter has gone to the Cabinet and we are expecting that the Cabinet would deliberate on it soon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Now, we will take up Papers to be laid on the Table.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): What about lunch hour?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, today there is no lunch hour.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: We have not decided to dispense with lunch hour. We need lunch hour so that we can come back to the right mood to be in the House. Sir, I think we must go for lunch.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have some business to discuss. ...(*Interruptions*)... Let the Papers be laid on the Table.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Yes, Sir. After that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Assistance to Bihar for setting up Food Processing Industries

*283. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance under Plan Development Schemes to Food Processing Industries Sector in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the year-wise details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) what other incentives Government propose to give to the entrepreneurs for setting up food processing industries in Bihar with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The detail of the financial assistance extended under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 & 1994-95 in respect of the proposals from Bihar are Rs. 9.00 lakhs, Rs. 46.13 lakhs & Rs. 42.86 lakhs respectively.

(c) Various incentives like fiscal concessions and export incentives are available for setting up food processing industries in Bihar.

Bids for Cellular Phone Service

*284. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dates extended for submission of bids for Cellular and basic telecom services are over;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tenders received from Indian and foreign companies alongwith the names of the companies;

(d) the terms and conditions specified for giving licences;

(e) the names of companies to whom licences have been issued so far alongwith the areas allotted to them for providing Cellular and basic services in the country;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which the licences are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The last dates submission of bids for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (other than four metro cities) and Basic Telephone Service were 7.6.95 and 23.6.95 respectively.

(c) 16 bidders had submitted 81 bids for Basic Telephone Service and 32 bidders had submitted 158 bids for Cellular Mobile Service. The details of the Companies are given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(d) The terms and conditions specified for giving licence for Basic and Cellular Telephone Services are as given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) The Govt. has issued licences to 8 registered Indian Companies for franchise of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in four metro cities of Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. Details of these companies are given in Statement-III. (*See* below) No licence has been issued so far for operating Cellular Mobile Telephone service any-where except in the four metro cities and Basic Telephone Services anywhere at all. The financial bids for Cellular Mobile Telephone Services, which were opened on 5.8.95, are being evaluated. Evaluation of commercial and technical bids for Basic Telephone Service is also under process.

(g) The licences against these tenders are likely to be issued before end of October, 1995.

Statement-I

A. Details of the companies who have submitted their bids for basic telephone services

Name of the bidder	Circles for which bid is submitted
M/s. J.T. Telecom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka West Bengal
M/s. Hughes Ispat Ltd.	Maharashtra Karnataka Delhi Punjab UP (West)
M/s. Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Punjab Haryana
M/s. Eurotel India Pvt. Ltd.	Tamil Nadu Punjab
M/s. Basic Tele Services Ltd.	Delhi Tamil Nadu Maharashtra Gujarat Punjab
M/s. HFCL Telecom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Delhi Gujarat Haryana Kerala

Name of the bidder	Circles for which bid is submitted
	Orissa Punjab UP (West) West Bengal
M/s. Tata Teleservicers (P) Ltd.	Maharashtra Karnataka Andhra Pradesh Delhi West Bengal
M/s.Techno Teleeom (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Bihar Orissa Andaman & Nicobar Islands
M/s. Essar Commvision Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Delhi Gujarat Tamil Nadu Karnataka Maharashtra Punjab Haryana
M/s. Birla Teleeom.	Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra Delhi
M/s. SPIC Telstra	Tamil Nadu
M/s. US West BPL Telephone	Delhi Karnataka Tamil Nadu Kerala Punjab
M/s. Sterlite Telecom.	Tamil Nadu Karnataka Andhra Pradesh
M/s. Reliance Telecom.	Andhra Pradesh Delhi Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra Tamil Nadu Haryana Kerala Madhya Pradesh Punjab Rajasthan UP (West) UP (East) West Bengal

Name of the bidder company	Circles for which bid is submitted
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands Assam Bihar Himachal Pradesh North East Orissa
M/s. Modi Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	Haryana
M/s. Tele Links N/W India Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Delhi Kerala Punjab Rajasthan

B. Details of the companies who have submitted their bids for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in 20 territorial circles.

Srinivas Cellocom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Tamil Nadu
	Kerala
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Haryana Punjab Rajasthan UP. (East)
Satyam Telecom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Kerala Haryana Tamil Nadu
Essar Telecom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Haryana Karnataka Kerala Maharashtra Punjab Tamil Nadu
Bhilwara Cellular Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka Rajasthan Punjab
Fascel Ltd.	Gujarat Haryana UP (West) Karnataka Maharashtra Punjab Rajasthan

Name of the bidder	Circles for which bid is submitted
Hexacom India Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
	Karnataka
	Kerala
	Punjab
	Rajasthan
	North East
Network Systems Pvt. Ltd.	Karnataka
	Andhra Pradesh
	Tamil Nadu
	Gujarat
Jt. Mobiles Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
	Punjab
	Karnataka
	Haryana
Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Bihar
	Haryana
	Orissa
	Punjab
	Rajasthan
	UP (West)
	UP (East)
Tata Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Maharashtra
	Karnataka
	Andhra Pradesh
	Gujarat
	Punjab
Punwire Telesystems Cellular Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
	Gujarat
	Karnataka
	Kerala
	Punjab
Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Punjab
	Haryana
	UP (West)
	Kerala
US West BPL Cellular Telecom. SVCS. P. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
	Gujarat
	Tamil Nadu
	Punjab
	Karnataka
	Kerala
	Maharashtra
CG Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
	Gujarat
	Karnataka
	Kerala
	Punjab
	Rajasthan
	Tamil Nadu

Name of the bidder	Circles for which bid is submitted
SPIC Telstra Telecom India Pvt. Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka Tamil Nadu Andhra Pradesh
Cosmic Mobitel Pvt. Ltd.	Maharashtra Gujarat Karnataka Punjab
Telelink Cellular Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra
Kirti Telecom Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra
CPRM Marconi India Pvt. Ltd.	Kerala
Easycall Cellular India Pvt. Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka Punjab
H H S Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Tamil Nadu Punjab
Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Haryana Punjab Himachal Pradesh
Hughes Ispat Ltd.	Maharashtra Karnataka Punjab
Finolex Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd.	Maharashtra Gujarat Karnataka
Cellular Communications India Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Karnataka Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra Punjab Tamil Nadu
Modicom Network Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Punjab Rajasthan UP (West) UP (East)
Birla Communications Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra
Videocon Cellular Pvt. Ltd.	Gujarat Karnataka

Name of the bidder	Circles for which bid is submitted
	Punjab
Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra Tamil Nadu
	Haryana Punjab Rajasthan UP (West) UP (East) West Bengal Assam Bihar Himachal Pradesh North East Orissa Kerala Madhya Pradesh
Dalmia Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Gujarat Karnataka Kerala Punjab
Arm Celcom Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Tamil Nadu Karnataka Kerala

Statement-II

A. Main terms and conditions for Basic Telephone Service.

The National Telecom Policy was announced in May, 1994 which inter alia provided for participation of private sector in the provision of Basic Telephone Services. The private sector was to supplement the efforts of the Department of Telecom in fulfilling the targets laid down in the National Telecom Policy.

In September, 94, detailed guidelines were issued for entry of private operators in the Basic Telephone Services.

The parameters to be considered for evaluation of bids were indicated in the original tender document as well as clarifications issued in respect of this tender in response to various queries raised by the prospective bidders.

As per the conditions laid down in the tender document, initially technical and commercial bids were to be opened in June, 95 and those parties who are shortlisted and found to be technically eligible for participation in the Basic Telephone Services were to be considered for opening of financial bids. In the general, technical and commercial conditions the tender document lays down eligibility conditions for the bidders, the commercial conditions which they are required to adhere to and the technical conditions which the bidders are required to comply with.

In the general conditions it is stated that the bidder has to be an Indian Company registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956. The total foreign equity in the bidding company is not to exceed 49% and the net worth of the bidder company along with its promoters is required to be Rs. 300 crores for 'A' category Circle, Rs. 200 crores for 'B' category circle and Rs. 50 crores for 'C' category Circle. It was also indicated in the general conditions that the bidder company including its promoters should have experience of a minimum of 5 lakh lines of providing PSTN/ISDN services.

As per the commercial conditions, a reference is given to the service areas, commissioning of service, delivery of service, network plan, interface testing, quality assurance, traffic routing and interconnection with DOT network as well as rules for access charge measurement.

The technical conditions provide various technical parameters which the bidder company is required to adhere to.

In the clarifications issued for the tender for Basic Telecom Services, the Department of Telecom also clarified various parameters and the weightage given to each parameter for evaluation of financial bids. The weightages given to various parameters for evaluation of financial bids are as follows:—

Parameters	Weightage
(a) Net present value	72%
(b) Direct exchange lines to be commissioned	10%
(c) Village Public Telephones	15%
(d) Value of indigenously manufactured equipment to be used in the network as a proportion of the total value of the equipment used in the first 3 years.	3%

B. Main terms and conditions for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service for 20 Circles.

1. The bidder must be an Indian Company Registered before the date of the submission of the bid.

2. Total foreign equity in the bidding company must not exceed 49% of the total equity.

3. Networth of the bidder company and its promoters, both Indian and foreign shall not be less than the amount specified for each category of circles. Networth of a foreign promoter will not be taken into account if its share in the equity capital of the bidder company is less than 10%.

4. The bidder must have a subscriber base of atleast one lakh lines of Cellular Mobile Telephone operations as on 1.1.95 and minimum three years experience of operating a cellular telephone network as on 1.1.95.

5. The experience of a promoter company which has an equity participation of 10% or more and which is a network operator of a cellular mobile network will also be added to the experience of the bidder company.

6. A bidder company can bid for as many circles as it likes.

7. The Licensee shall provide the service within 12 months of the effective date of the licence.

8. The services shall conform to the Group Speciale Mobile (GSM) standard.

9. The services will be provided within the ceiling tariffs fixed by the Teleeom Authority.

10. The licencee will pay a licence fee to the DOT in addition to access and junction charges.

11. The licence will also pay Wireless licensee fee, WPC Royalty GSM MOU charges etc.

12. The licences will be issued on non-exclusive basis.

Statement-III

Cellular Mobile Telephone Service List of Licensees (Four Metro Cities)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Foreign Partner	Cities
1	2	3	4
1.	M/s. Bharti Cellular Ltd., 15th Floor, Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019	i. M/s. General Mobile Co. Ltd., UK ii. M/s. Mobile Systems Intl., UK iii. M/s. EMTEL Ltd., Mauritius	Delhi
2.	M/s. Sterling Cellular Ltd. 19, Cathedral Gardan Road, Nungambakkam, Madras-600034.	M/s. Cellular Communication International Inc. U.S.A.	Delhi
3.	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom., Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019	M/s. Hutchison Telecom Ltd., Hongkong	Bombay
4.	M/s. BPL Systems & Projects Ltd., 1/1, Palace Road, Bangalore-560 001.	M/s. France Telecom France, LCC Inc., USA.	Bombay
5.	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 503, Hemkunt Chambers 89, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019	M/s. Telecom Malaysia BHD, Malaysia.	Calcutta
6.	M/s. Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd. 13th Floor, Hemkunt Tower, New Delhi-110 019.	M/s. OTC International Ltd., Australia.	Calcutta
7.	M/s. Skycell Communication Pvt. Ltd., Sardar Mohan Singh Building, Connaught Lane, New Delhi-110 001.	M/s. Bell South Intl. (Asia/ Pacific) Inc., USA M/s.Millicom Intl. Cellular, S/A Luxembourg	Madras
8.	M/s. RPG Cellular Service Ltd., N-83, Partap Building, 1st Floor, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110 001.	M/s. Vodofone Group Plc. U.K.	Madras

Chinese Assistance to Pakistan to Develop Nuclear Explosives

*285. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seen the report of US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) that China is assisting Pakistan to develop nuclear explosives;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that China is transferring the Biological Warfare Technology to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken up this matter with the Chinese authorities?